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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PAK ISSUES 28TH CONSTITUTION DAY ADDRESS

BEGIN SUMMARY: ON CONSTITUTION DAY, JULY 17,
PRESIDENT PAK ISSUED BRIEF BUT PERHAPS CLEAREST STATEMENT
THUS FAR OF HIS FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, CALLING
FOR RETURN TO TRADITIONAL VALUES EPITOMIZED IN SAEMAUL
(NEW VILLAGE MOVEMENT) PRINCIPLES OF HARD WORK, SELF-HELP,
AND COOPERATION WHICH HE TERMED "SOUL OF NATION."
HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT ORIGINAL RESOLUTION OF NATION TO
FOLLOW DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT HAS NOW BEEN FULLY REALIZED
IN YUSHIN (REVITALIZING REFORM) CONSTITUTION. STABILITY,
PROSPERITY AND EFFICIENCY INHERENT IN YUSHIN SYSTEM
KEEP KOREA COMPETITIVE IN COMMUNITY OF NATIONS AND SAFE-
GUARD IT AGAINST THREAT FROM NORTH. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JULY 17, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROCLAMATION OF ORIGINAL KOREAN CONSTITUTION, PRESIDENT PAK OFFERED COGENT, CLEAR RESTATEMENT OF HIS FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY WHICH HE HAS BEEN HONING FOR AT LEAST

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PAST TWELVE MONTHS. READ BY PRIME MINISTER, CHOE KYU-HA,

ADDRESS CALLED FOR RETURN TO KOREAN TRADITIONAL
VALUES REPRESENTED BY SAEAMAUL PRINCIPLES OF HARD WORK,
SELF-HELP, AND COOPERATION WHICH PAK CALLED "SOUL OF KOREA"
AS TRANSMITTED BY ANCESTORS.

2. TO SURVIVE IN COMPETITIVE ARENA OF NATIONS, KOREA
CANNOT AFFORD WASTE OF ITS RESOURCES. HE CLAIMED SAEAMAUL
PRINCIPLES, ORIGINALLY INSTITUTED IN 1970 IN SUPPORT OF
SOCIO-ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, COMPRIZE
PRODUCTIVE AND EFFICIENT IDEOLOGY TO ACCELERATE NATION
BUILDING AND TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL RESOLVE. MORE THAN
ANY BEFORE, SPEECH UNIVERSALIZED SAEAMAUL PRINCIPLES, SAYING THAT
SPIRIT BEHIND SAEAMAUL PROGRAM, AS WELL AS TECHNIQUES
THEMSELVES, SHOULD WORK WELL IN ADVANCING NATION AS WHOLE.

3. PAK ALSO MAINTAINED IN SPEECH THAT 1972 YUSHIN CON-
STITUTION IS PRACTICAL, EFFICIENT STRUCTURE BY WHICH
NATION CAN EFFICIENTLY ADMINISTER ITSELF. PAK NOTED THAT
ORILSNAL CALL BY ROK PEOPLE FOR DEMOCRACY IN 1948 HAS NOW
BEEN REALIZED IN YUSHIN CONSTITUTION. HE REMINDED NATION
THAT "EXPERIMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF WESTERN-STYLE DEMOCRACY"
AMID WHAT HE CALLED ADVERSE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
LED TO WASTEFUL USE OF NATIONAL RESOURCES." HE MADE A
POINT WHICH EDITORIAL IN KOREA HERALD LATER (JULY 19)
EXPANDED UPON, THAT A MERE COPYING OF WESTERN STYLE
DEMOCRACY WITHOUT DUE HEED TO REALITIES OF INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION CANNOT GUARANTEE ITS USEABILITY AND PRACTICALITY.
HE SAID THAT CONSTITUTION WITHOUT YUSHIN REFORMS (WHICH
INCLUDED, AMONG VARIOUS CHANGES, MAJOR STRENGTHENING OF
EXECUTIVE) DID NOT ALLOW NATION TO PROGRESS COMPETITIVELY.
COUPLED WITH NORTH KOREAN THREAT, THIS ENDANGERED KOREA'S
VERY SURVIVAL.

4. IN SUM, SAID PARK, YUSHIN REFORM OF CONSTITUTION
STRENGTHENED BY DEVOTION TO "TRADITIONAL" SAEAMAUL SPIRIT
CAN BRING ABOUT STABLE AND PROSPEROUS CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT LEADING TO SUCCESSFUL NATION-BUILDING, UNIFICA-
TION AND PEACE.

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